has taken over the three distribution zones (WESCO, NORTHCO & SOUTHCO) and the US based AES Ltd. has taken over the Central Zone. The Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) has also been disinvested to the extent of 49%.

The following states have been sanctioned loans by World Bank for power sector reforms:

Orissa	US$350 million
U.P.	US$150 million
AR	US$210 million (First APL)
Haryana	US$ 60 million (First APL)
Rajasthan	US$ 150 million

ADB has sanctioned US$ 450 million for Gujarat.

Only Orissa has privatised its distribution and private distribution companies in Orissa have shown discernible improvement in billing and collection of revenue and in reducing transmission and distribution losses.

Power Purchasing Agreement

1281. SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has defaulted in the payment of bills to Enron from October, 2000;

(b) if so, the amount due every month according to the Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) and what is the unit price of power purchasing from Enron;

(c) whether Enron has approached Union Government for clearing the dues as per the counter-guarantee signed by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) have informed that they have defaulted in the payment to Dabhol Power Company (DPC) and the position of outstanding payment on due date is as below:—

	Payments Rs. in Crs.	Average Unit price	Energy Purchased MUs MUs
Bill of October 2000	184.51	6\90	267.26
Bill of November, 2000	148.04	8.00	184.95
Bill I of December, 2000	152.86	8^54	179.02

Average unit price is based on actual energy purchased from DPC.

(c) and (d) DPC on 25.1.2001, invoked the Guarantee given by Government of Maharashtra (GOM) for recovery of an outstanding sum of around Rs. 89 crores towards the bill raised by DPC on MSEB pertaining to November, 2000. Due to failure by the Government of Maharashtra (OM), as the primary guarantor to make the said payments, DPC later on invoked the guarantee given by Government of India by placing a demand under the provisions of the GOI guarantee for recovery of the outstandings dues from MSEB pertaining to the bill for November, 2000. However, MSEB have since paid the entire outstanding dues to DPC towards the Bill for November, 2000 and, therefore, the need for making any payments to DPC under the GOI guarantee did not arise.

MoU signed with SEBs

1282. SHRl V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Electricity Boards to implement power reforms;

(b) if so, how many State Electricity Boards have signed MoUs so far; and

(c) what are the details of the financial assistance being granted to such SEBs for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Power is not signing any MoU with State Electricity Boards. However, the MoUs have been signed with State Governments of Karnataka, UP, MP, Gujarat and Haryana. In the MoUs States have committed to achieve milestones in reforming power sector. The milestones include setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commission, 100% metering, energy audit, reduction of technical and commercial losses etc. The Government of India has committed its support through additional allocation of power from unallocated share of power from Central Generating stations, assistance to